

REMARKS

Prior to the examination, please amend the application to delete the multiply dependent claim formats.

Thus, applicants believe that the present claims are in allowable condition, and they solicit an early indication to that effect.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted here, applicants hereby petition for such extension, under 37 CFR § 1.136, and authorize payment of any such extensions fees via Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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